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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John W. Olver (D-1st District) joined President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and Vice President

"Massachusetts' public elementary and secondary schools are already facing great challenges in the area of infrastructure, and

"In 41% of our schools at least one building is in need of critical repair such as a new roof or floor.

"We only have a week left, and, after an entire session of a 'do-nothing' Congress, it looks like we're not going to get anything done.

"Before we adjourn, Congress ought to act to make real changes in our education system that will help us meet the challenges of the 21st century.

President Clinton called on fellow Democrats to support his aggressive education agenda to reform our schools and ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

President Clinton said, " We can do this. We have the resources, now all we need is the will."

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